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Applicants: Frank D. Guffey and Floyd Alan Barbour
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Title: Process for Waste Plastic Recycling
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Examiner:: W. Griffin
Assignee:: The University of Wyoming Research Corporation
d/b/a Western Research Institute
Attorney Docket:: WRI Plastic-Div
Customer No.: 33549

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This reply to a Final Rejection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is in response to a telephone interview with Examiner Griffin on February 9, 2004, to the Advisory Action communication (Paper No. 012304) mailed February 2, 2004 and to the Office action mailed September 4, 2003 (Paper No. 16). A period of four months from the mailing date of the final rejection, dated September 4, 2003 has been set, making a response to this action due on or by January 5, 2004. The applicant has previously requested and paid additional claim fees as well as the prescribed extension fee for one month to and including January 5, 2004 and is requesting that this time period be extended for an additional two months to and including March 4, 2004. The applicant has included a Petition for Extension of Time along with the prescribed fee.

This response is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 using the format with each heading beginning on a separate page as follows:

1. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of all claims beginning on separate page 3 of this response; and note that
2. Remarks begin on page 12 of this response.

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In accordance with the amendment directions provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please amend the claims as shown under the "Amendments to Claims" section. Each amendment is believed to have been made in accordance with Rule 121, however, should any unintended informality exist, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that it may be resolved as expediently as possible.